

Council

Date of Meeting:	18 May 2022
Report Title:	Election of Deputy Leader of the Council
Report of:	Jane Burns, Executive Director Corporate Services
Ward(s) Affected:	All

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To secure a resolution of Council to elect a Deputy Leader of the Council for the municipal year 2022/23.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 The Constitution sets out in Chapter 3 Part 2 that one of the functions of full Council is to elect the Deputy Leader of the Council.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 That Council elects a Deputy Leader of the Council for the municipal year 2022/23.

4. Reason for Recommendation

- 4.1 To ensure that the Council elects a Deputy Leader.

5. Other Options Considered

- 5.1 No other options considered.

6. Background

- 6.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Council is required to elect a Councillor to be the Deputy Leader of the Council for that municipal year.

- 6.2 The Councillor appointed will hold this office until:

(a) The next Annual Meeting of the Council; or

- (b) The Deputy Leader resigns from the office; or
- (c) The Deputy Leader is no longer a Councillor; or
- (d) The Deputy Leader is removed from the office by resolution of the Council.

6.3 The Deputy Leader may be appointed as the Vice Chairman of the Corporate Policy Committee of the Council.

6.4 The Deputy Leader is empowered to act in place of the Leader.

6.5 The Deputy Leader is empowered to represent the Council on any external body, as agreed with the Leader, and to make decisions and vote on behalf of the Council at meetings of such bodies.

6.6 Involvement in Major Emergencies: the Leader and Deputy Leader must be informed if an emergency is likely or has been declared under the Council's emergency planning or business continuity procedures.

7. Implications of the Recommendations

7.1 Legal Implications

7.1.1 When the Council operates a Committee system, the Deputy Leader has no formal legal powers and duties vested in him or her under the Local Government Act 1972 or the Local Government Act 2000.

7.2 Finance Implications

7.2.1 There are no direct financial implications. The position of Deputy Leader of the Council receives a special responsibly allowance.

7.3 Policy Implications

7.3.1 There are no direct financial implications.

7.4 Equality Implications

7.4.1 There are no direct implications for equality.

7.5 Human Resources Implications

7.5.1 There are no direct financial implications.

7.6 Risk Management Implications

7.6.1 Failure to comply with legislation would leave the Council open to legal challenge.

7.7 Rural Communities Implications

7.7.1 There are no direct implications for rural communities.

7.8 Implications for Children & Young People/Cared for Children

7.8.1 There are no direct implications for children and young people.

7.9 Public Health Implications

7.9.1 There are no direct implications for public health.

7.10 Climate Change Implications

7.10.1 There are no implications relating to climate change.

Access to Information	
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Appendices:	None
Background Papers:	Role of Leader and Deputy Leader